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OF

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KINGS

THE

Distinguishing Smile of Heaven,

AND THE

Exalted Happiness of *Great-Britain.*

CONSIDERED and IMPROVED,

IN A

SERMON

On the ACCOUNT of the DEATH of

His late Majesty King *GEORGE* II.

OF

Glorious and Immortal MEMORY.

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TO

That moſt noble SENATOR,
Moſt conſummate STATESMAN,
And moſt upright PATRIOT,

RICHARD *Earl Temple*,
Lord Viſcount *Cobham*;
One of His MAJESTY's moſt honourable
Privy-Council;
KNIGHT of the moſt noble Order of the
GARTER;

Lord Privy Seal;
Lord Lieutenant of the County
of *Bucks*,

This SERMON is, with Humility and
Gratitude, dedicated,

By your Lordſhip's
moſt humble,
moſt obliged,
and moſt obedient Servant,

JOHN HEYWOOD.

1 CHRON. xxix. 28.

And he died in a good old Age, full of Riches and Honour, and Solomon *his Son reigned in his Stead.*

DEATH is a very ſtriking Name in itſelf, and a grand Solemnity in it's Conſequences. It is a very mournful Conflict of the feeble Powers of Nature; the awful Flight of an immortal Soul into the inviſible World of Spirits. It is a ſerious Entrance upon an everlaſting State of raviſhing Triumph, or endleſs Miſery: *Oh! that the thoughtleſs Children of Men were wiſe, that they underſtood this.* † Death cannot but be a very tremendous Enemy, ſince it entered into our World by that dreadful Breach

† Deut. xxxii. 29.

which

which the grand Apoſtacy introduced between an infinitely Holy Majeſty and the ruined Race of *Adam*.

Death is a moſt formidable Conquerer: He enlarges his Empire daily: and amidſt the fluctuating State of Empires and Kingdoms here below, this terrible Potentate is extending his Conqueſts, and adding to the Number of his Triumphs, every Moment.

Among the innumerable Millions of the Race of *Adam*, that have been ſent into our World, and are gone for ever; by far the greater Number have either neglected their Talents, or dreadfully miſ-applied them; ſo that their Memory is either juſtly ſunk into Oblivion, or dreadfully ſtigmatized to Poſterity. But for ever be adored that infinite Wiſdom and Goodneſs of Heaven, that there hath been in every Age a Number of excellent and amiable Worthies, whom Providence

Providence has raiſed up, and Divine Grace has qualified for the grand Purpoſes of the Divine Glory, to advance the Intereſts of true Religion; to cultivate the Happineſs, and ſecure the Liberties of, the Children of Men. Among this Claſs, *David*, King of *Iſrael*, claims an exalted Precedence. In this noble Catalogue His late moſt excellent Majeſty King *GEORGE* the Second deſerves a very honourable Mention: and as there was an Harmony in their Lives, ſo there was a Similitude in their Deaths: did *David*, King of *Iſrael*, die in a good old Age, full of Days, Riches and Honour;----ſo did *George* the Second, King of *Great-Britain*.

Obſervation 1*ſt*. Death puts an awful Period to the Pomp and Grandeur, to the Plans and Operations of the Princes of the Earth. The Courts of Princes ſhine with an attractive Train of glittering Splendors; but Death, the formidable Conquerer, in a few

few Moments extinguiſhes all the dazlin
Blaze of the Glory of earthly Thrones. Th
Cabinets of Kings abound with a large Variet
of laboured Plans and grand Deſigns; bu
alas! the terrible Enemy pours his Contemp
upon them. He cauſes crowned Heads t
bow down before him. The Scepter o
Majeſty can, by no Means, ward off the fat
Javelin. All the numerous Guards o
Kings, watchful as they are, cannot defen
their Royal Maſter from the mournful Stroke
This awful Monarch knocks as boldly at th
Gates of the loftieſt Palace, as at the Doo
of the meaneſt Cottage. This King o
Terrors muſt execute the Commiſſion of th
KING of Heaven. He enters into the Cour
of Princes in an irriſiſtible Manner: h
fatal Dart pierces through the Royal Robes
ſpurns the Crown of Gold from off th
Head; nay, diſſolves † *the Golden Bowl* tha

† Eccleſ. xii. 6.

ſupporte

ſupported it; and tramples Princes of the Earth, with all their Honours, into the Duſt; to take up a long and gloomy Abode *with Kings and Counſellers of the Earth, who build deſolate Places for themſelves.* †

Obſ. 2*d.* It is an excellent Favour of Heaven, when valuable Kings die in a good old Age.

Firſt, Kings live to a good old Age, when the Capacity for Government is prolonged with the Royal Years.

Old Age is the mournful Period of a numerous Train of Decays and Complaints: The wiſeſt of Men acquaints us, that *The Keepers of the Houſe tremble, and the ſtrong Men bow themſelves.* § The immortal Spirit being ſo nearly united to the mouldering Houſe of Clay, is in a moſt aſtoniſhing

† Job iii. 14. § Eccleſ. xii. 3.

Manner, affected with it's Infirmities; ſo that ſhattered Faculties and trembling Tabernacles are frequently mournful Companions in the advanced Period of Life.

Incapacity for Government might be attended with ten Thouſand Calamities. We ought to adore the wondrous Mercy of the Moſt High, when the numerous Years of good Kings, and an Ability to reign, are prolonged together.

Secondly, It is a good old Age, when the Lives of valuable Princes are ſpared to ſee the Heirs of their Crown capable to ſucceed them.

The Death of a wiſe and good King, even in an advanced Period of Life, is an univerſal Loſs; but the Removal of an excellent Prince, in the Prime of Life and Meridian of Uſefulneſs, ought to be regarded as

as the Frown of Heaven, and a dreadful Judgment to any Land. An infantile Reign is one of the mournful Conſequences of an awful Diſpenſation of Providence. The holy Oracles, of infinite Wiſdom, remark the Minority of Kings among the Calamities of a Nation: *Woe to thee, O Land, when thy King is a Child.* § The Springs of Empire are too intricate, the Wheeles of Kingdoms are too many for the Capacity of an Infant to direct; the Reins of Government are too heavy for the Hands of a Youth to hold: Beſides the Minority of Kings affords a great Opportunity of forming great Animoſities and Factions, Intrigues and Cabals in their Councils. The Reign of that moſt amiable Prince, King *Edward* VI. is a mournful Proof of all this: The two Uncles, the Lord *Protector* and the Lord *Admiral*, purſued each other with an implacable Rage; which

§ Eccleſ x. 16.

nded in the Ruin of them both: Such ivifions are the Grief of young Kings, and . Clog to Government, and a Scourge to a Land.

When the Moſt High, in whoſe Hands is the Breath of Princes, was pleaſed to tranſlate the late Prince of *Wales*, the Father of His preſent Moſt Excellent Majeſty, a heavy Cloud hung over *Great-Britain!* Concerning the Happineſs and Welfare of our Land, there were many Thoughts of Heart. The advanced Age of His late Majeſty filled us with a great Concern: To have been favoured with the Prolongation of ſo valuable a Life, to ſee his Son fit to ſucceed, would have been a very great Bleſſing: But that His late Majeſty did not retire behind the Throne, till his GRANDSON was bleſt to aſcend it, with ſuch a numerous Train of moſt amiable charming Qualifications, was the ſuperlative Smile of Heaven. Let every true *Proteſtant*, with

with Pleaſure, ſay, *The Life of His late Majeſty was a good old Age.*

Thirdly, It is a good old Age, when Kings can look back upon a valuable Reign, devoted to the moſt noble Ends and Purpoſes.

The Situation of Kings is a dignified Sphere, among the Children of Men: His Beneficence ought to be as diffuſive, as his Honours are exalted. The Office of a *King* came down from Heaven; *For the Powers that be, are of God:* * Therefore the Reign of a King ought to be devoted to the Honours of the KING of Heaven. To promote the Honours of the dear Redeemer; the Succeſs of the glorious Goſpel; the happy Spread of Piety and Religion; to frown upon Immorality and Profaneſs, the moſt peſtilent Bane of Society; to ſecure the *religious* and *civil* Liberties; to ſtudy the

* Rom. xiii. 1.

Happineſs of all their Subjects; theſe, theſe are the grand Purpoſes of Government.--Such a glorious Reign as this, affords the pleaſurable Sweets of inward Peace to the Prince himſelf; and communicates innumerable Bleſſings to a free and happy People. It was the ſhining Character of King *David*, that, *he ſerved his Generation according to the Will of* GOD.

Fourthly, It is a good old Age, when Kings are preparing for a Crown of eternal Glory.

It muſt be acknowledged, that Courts are Places of great Hurry. The Government of Kingdoms, in the Time of Peace, but eſpecially in the perilous Time of a bloody War, is a Burden of great Difficulty. Happy are thoſe good Kings, who, in the midſt of all the Fatigue of Government, and Toils of War, can find an Heart for GOD. Thoſe crown-

crowned Heads are truly bleſſed, who are enabled by Grace, to ſpiritualize all Things around them; when the Number of Petitions at their Feet ſtir them up to pour forth their fervent Requeſts before the Lord; when a Sight of their own Robes excites their earneſt Supplications, to be adorned with the Robes of the Redeemer's Righteouſneſs. It is one of the exalted Honours of Royal Age, when the *earthly* Crown ſtimulates an Ardency of Deſire after that *celeſtial* Crown, that fadeth not away. It is the grand Ornament of Kings, when, by the Acts of Faith, and daily Fervors of earneſt Prayer, they are converſing with, and preparing for, the Courts of eternal Glory.

Obſ. 3*d.* It is a very great Felicity, when good Kings are bleſſed with a Fulneſs of Days.

Firſt, It is a great Happineſs, when wicked Kings are ſoon cut off.

The Sphere of Kings is a very high Orbit: their Power is so exalted; their Influence is so extensive; and a Croud of Flatterers are always ready to devise the most malevolent Plans of Misery and Destruction; that when a crowned Head is fired with the Rage of Ambition, and intoxicated with the Thirst of Conquest, he becomes a Scourge to his own People, and fills the World with the direful Calamities of War. It is a very kind Appearance of the God of Heaven, when such a Reproach to the Office of *Kings* is rolled down into the Grave.

What a grand Deliverence was it to our Land, when bloody Queen *Mary* was cut off so soon; who was burning the Saints of Christ!

It can never be remembered with sufficient Thankfulness, that *James* II. fled so quickly to *France*. His Abdication of the Throne was

was, by ten Thouſand Times, preferable to his Poſſeſſion of it.

Secondly, It is a great Favour of Heaven, when valuable Kings are ſpared to a good old Age; for they have great Opportunities of doing much good.

The long Life of good Princes is, in it ſelf, a very deſirable Priviledge, and the diſtinguiſhing Bleſſing of Heaven. The Deſigns of excellent Kings are like ſtately Edifices; they require much Skill to plan, and long Time to finiſh. How many excellent and benevolent Schemes has the World been deprived of, by the untimely Death of good Kings! But when the Crown has been long fixed upon the Head of a wiſe and gracious King, then good Alliances have been formed; advantagous Treaties have been finiſhed; ſalutary Laws have been enacted; happy Succeſſions have been eſtabliſhed. What a

ſuperlative Mercy was it, that the Life of our great Deliverer, King *William*, was prolonged, to ſee the Completion of the ſettling his Imperial Crown in the *Hanover* Line! O may that Prince that ſhall ſit on the *Britiſh* Throne when the KING of Kings ſhall come to Judgment, be a valuable Branch of the illuſtrious Houſe of *Hanover!*

Thirdly, Good Kings die full of Days; for they are ſatisfied with the Appointment of the Will of Heaven.

The *Hebrew* Word *full*, properly ſignifies an inward Tranquility, and chearful Acquieſcence in the Determination of the GOD of our Lives.

Concerning our Stay in this Valley of Tears, pious Princes are not ſo much concerned *how long*, but *how well*, they ſhall reign. They well know, that *it is by the*

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King of Heaven they reign: § That there is an Eſpecial Providence always watching over valuable Kings: That Infinite Wiſdom knows beſt how long to continue them; and, that the Grand Governor of the Nations will eſtabliſh their Reign, as long as he ſees it neceſſary for his own Glory, and their own Uſefulneſs; and therefore they are chearfully pleaſed with the Allotment of Heaven.

Obſ. 4th. It is the Happineſs of Kings, to die full of Riches:

Firſt, Good Kings die full of Riches, when they have reigned in the Poſſeſſion of the Hearts of their Subjects.

The Love and Gratitude, the Reſpect and warm Affections of the People, ought always to be reckoned among the rich Treaſures of the Crown. Obedience, without

§ Romans viii. 15.

Veneration, will ſoon degenerate into Slavery. That wiſe and great Princeſs, Queen *Elizabeth*, juſtly eſteemed the Hearts of her People, as the moſt valuable Pearl of the Diadem. And by all Means let it be added, under this Head, That a great Numer of godly and religious Subjects are to be numbered among the richeſt Treaſures of the Throne. Divine Grace will ſecure their Loyalty; and conſtrain them to wreſtle fervently with the LORD of Hoſts, to pour forth the beſt of his Bleſſings upon the King. It was a juſt and noble Obſervation of the great Earl of *Bedford*, "A Multitude of "religious and praying Subjects are the "greateſt Riches of the Crown, the nobleſt "Ornament of the Land, and the beſt "Defence of the Kingdom."

Secondly, Kings die full of Riches, when they are poſſeſſed of divine and ſpiritual Bleſſings.

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The Riches of the preſent World are empty Nothings, and painted Vanities; unſatisfactory in their Nature; ſhort and uncertain in their Duration: But the Riches of Heaven are raviſhing and everlaſting Treaſures. Heavenly Bleſſings are theſe: The Love of the Moſt High; a noble Intreſt in the grand Attonement of the dear Redeemer; the ſaving Grace of GOD in the Heart; the Comforts of the Holy Ghoſt; that Wiſdom which is profitable to direct; and, the chearing Preſence of the Favour of GOD: That King who dies in the Enjoyment of theſe grand Bleſſings, is rich to all Eternity!

Obſ. 5*th.* It is the noble Happineſs of Kings, to die full of Honour:

Firſt, It is the Honour of valuable Princes, to have the Eſteem of Kings that are Enemies

It is a very mournful Truth, That Ambition corrups the Underſtanding, and the Paſſions enſlave the Judgement of bad Princes: But there is a very powerful innate Voice of Conſcience that cannot be extinguiſhed. This excellent Monitor, even in the Hearts of wicked Kings, conſtrains an inward Approbation of the heavenly Paths of Truth and Uprightneſs.

The Maxims of wiſe and good Potentates are theſe; A religious and inviolable Obſervation of Treaties; a continual Watchfulneſs againſt the leaſt Infringment upon the Dignity and Rights, the Property and Poſſeſſions of other Princes; the Offer of the kind Offices of Accomodations, when Diſputes ariſe among crowned Heads, and under-repeated Inſults and Injuries; to preſent pacific Memorials; and to try every poſſible Method of a fair and equitable Accomodation, rather than ravage Kingdoms, diſ-

diſtreſs and deſtoy Thouſands and ten Thouſands with the deſolating Horrors of War. Such a Conduct of inflexible Benevolence and Integrity as this, not only deſerves the Eſteem, but commands the Veneration of, crowned Heads; how contradictory ſoever their Polities and Practices may be to ſuch a ſhining Example. And the Moſt High will fulfil his gracious Promiſe to ſuch excellent and valuable Kings, *Them that honour me I will honour.* §

Secondly, It is a very great Honour of Kings when All-governing Providence ſmiles upon their public Affairs in a very aſtoniſhing Manner. Diſſapoitments in War, the Loſs of Battles, a continual Series of bad Succeſs, have been very juſtly eſteemed the Frown of Heaven and the Blaſt of Providence, by wiſe and holy Men, in all

§ 1 Samuel ii. 30.

Ages: Even the Light of Nature taught the *Heathen* World, That an All-directing Power above governed every Event. The Conſultation of their Oracles, and the Practice of their Auguries, is a Demonſtration of this. It was a mournful Complaint of the ſacred Oracles, that *The Moſt High went not out with their Armies.* † On the other Hand, Succeſs in our Councils, and the Proſperity of our Arms, ought to be conſidered as the Smiles of the great and only Potentate. If a *ſingle* Victory be a gracious Appearance of Divine Providence, how much more ought a *general* Triumph of our Arms, both by Sea and Land, be conſidered as the immediate Honours of Heaven; and eſpecially in theſe ſhining Days of military Glory, when our Victories have rolled like Torrents of Light, from the riſing of the Sun, to the going down of the ſame.

† Pſalms lx. 10.

Thirdly, The moſt exalted Honours are reſerved for good Kings till the Hour of their Departure. Excellent Princes are the Favourites of the Moſt High, and the Darlings of Heaven. They are valuable Inſtruments of Providence to advance the dear Redeemer's Intereſt in the World, and to diffuſe an innumerable Train of Bleſſings among the Children of Men. Doth the Almighty raiſe up and employ theſe worthy Princes without any Notice, Regard, or Deſign of Reward? by no Means. The KING of Kings has diſplayed a peculiar Concern for them in Life; and as his Love is unchangeable, he will not forget them when they die. A Convoy of glorious Angels ſhall ſurround them when they lay down the Enſigns of all worldly Dignity. They ſhall exchange Scepters of Gold for Thrones of Glory. When they put off periſhing Crowns, they ſhall wear Crowns that can never fade away; and ſhall ſhine

in Robes of Salvation with the KING of Kings, in the Courts of eternal Glory, for ever and ever.

Obſ. 6th. It is an invaluable Mercy when a good King is tranſlated by Death, that there is an excellent and amiable Prince raiſed up and qualified to ſucceed.

Firſt, It is a great Happineſs when young Princes have been trained up in the heavenly Principles of a religious Education.

The Sphere of Princes is an exalted Situation of Difficulty. The Throne of good Kings is a charming Fountain of Happineſs, Peace, and Joy, to Millions of the Children of Men. Therefore the greateſt Pains ought to be taken, the moſt excellent Principles by all Means ſhould be implanted, the moſt valuable Maxims ſhould be inculcated upon the tender Minds of young Princes, that they may not only bear the Sword, but the Image of the King of Heaven.

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The noble Principles of a royal Education are theſe: That a venerable Regard to the dear Redeemer and his Goſpel, as a moſt noble Plan of Holineſs, Peace and Salvation, ought to be the grand Aim of every King; That the Fear of the LORD is the Beginning of Princely Wiſdom; That true Piety and Religion are the brighteſt Jewels of earthly Crowns; That the Hearts of Kings ſhould overflow with Love, Compaſſions and Benevolence to their People; That Perſons of Religion and Capacity are fitteſt for Poſts and Employments; That the Law of the Land is the Rule of Government; That Princes ſhould not ſo much as entertain a ſingle Wiſh for the leaſt Degree of Power beyond the Conſtitution; That the Sweets of Liberty and Rights of Conſcience ought to be inviolably maintained; That the Swords and Scepters of Kings are the LORD's; and that they muſt very ſhortly give an awful Account for the Uſe of them. A Prince

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formed upon ſuch excellent Principles as theſe, by the Grace of GOD, and a good Education, will diffuſe Joy and Happineſs from one End of the Land to the other.

Secondly, It is a moſt happy Proſpect of Joy when young Kings imploy a good old Miniſtry.

Wiſe and good Counſellers are, under GOD, the Guardians of the Crown, and the Pillars of the Throne: As by divine Teachings, crowned Heads are formed good Kings; ſo by a valuable Miniſtry, they are encouraged and eſtabliſh'd. As it embalms the Memory of a wiſe and good King, to leave a ſteady excellent Sett of Counſellers, it is certainly the Wiſdom of a young Prince to continue them. Such a Miniſtry is a Fountain of Honor, Peace and Stability to the Crown; it is a Source of Joy, Comfort and Happineſs to the People. And now I am upon this

this Head, it may be with great Truth declared, that no Reign in the *Britiſh* Annals of Time was ever bleſſed with ſo worthy a Miniſtry: In private Life they are Lovers of Virtue; in their *political* Character they glow with the warmeſt Fervors of Loyalty to the beſt Royal Family; and have exerted themſelves for the Honour and Proſperity of the Kingdom with an unwearied Diligence and Zeal; they ſhine in an amiable Harmony, and in an impenetrable Secrecy in the Council; and Divine Providence, that governs the World, has crowned their Adminiſtration with a ſhining Train of Victories and Triumphs. The Wilds of *Africa* proclaim their Succeſſes; the Paradiſe of *Eaſtern* Worlds reſound their Praiſes; *America*, in her *Northern* and *Southern* Hands, holds the Palms of Victory; the Plains of *Minden*, in the *European* World, revive the Glory of the Duke of *Marlborough*; while the Watry Element ſings in Harmony

the Laurels of the *preſent* Miniſtry, in chaining up the *French* Men of War in their own Harbours; compelling them to burn and ſink them on their own Shores, in the wild Phrenzy of Diſtraction and Conſternation.— From ſuch a Miniſtry as this, what Bleſſings may we not hope for! what a Peace may we not expect under the Smiles of Heaven!

Thirdly, There is a noble Proſpect of Happineſs indeed, when young Kings are formed by Providence, and qualify'd by Grace for the grand Purpoſes of Government. But ſince there is ſuch a noble Train of amiable Qualities in the venerable Prince that fills the Throne, all Enlargments upon this Head are perfectly needleſs.

APPLICATION.

Firſt, Hence learn what abundant Cauſe we have to revere the Memory of his late Majeſty! The exalted Characters in the Text were happily united in him. He ſprung from a Train of Royal Anceſtors of Renown.

His Great Grandmother was the Princeſs *Elizabeth*, the Daughter of King *James* I. She was married to *Frederick*, Prince Palatine of the *Rhine*, one of the nobleſt Worthies of that Age; he was elected King of *Bohemia*, to defend the *Proteſtant* Religion and protect the Liberties of the *Empire*, againſt the Emperor, the Progenitor of the preſent Queen of *Hungary*. By the fatal Battle of *Prague* he loſt the Kingdom of *Bohemia*, and quickly after his hereditary Dominions; and being ſtripped of all, was forced to fly into foreign Lands: This was owing to the Cruelty of his deſpicable Father-in-Law, King *James* I. who ſacrificed his Daughter to his own Folly, and the Intrigues of the Court of *Spain*. It is difficult to determine whether the Piety or the Miſeries, the Virtues or the Calamities of this moſt excellent Princeſs *Elizabeth*, were more conſpicuous.

Her Daughter was the Princeſs *Sophia*, the Grandmother of his late Majeſty. She was born at the *Hague*, in the Year 1630, under the

the Frowns of Providence, at a Time when her royal Parents were in a State of Exile: But how wondrous are the Deeps of Providence! ſhe was exalted by the Hand of Heaven; her worthy Name was enrolled in the *Act of* SUCCESSION; and had the Moſt High prolonged her Life but a few Weeks longer, ſhe would have adorned the *Britiſh* Throne. She was perfect Miſtreſs of the *Latin*, *Engliſh*, *Dutch*, *Italian*, *German* and *French* Languages. She had a Genius equally turned for Converſation and Buſineſs, which not only rendered her the Ornament and Delight of her Court, but qualified her to manage and ſupport her higheſt Intereſts. Her Judgment was ſolid and penetrating; founded upon the nobleſt Maxims of Reading and Experience. Her Care in her Government, and OEconomy, ſhewed the good Senſe ſhe had of her being born for the good of others. Her Piety was exemplary; her Sentiments in Religion were juſt and noble; ſhe had a very bad Opinion of the Church of *Rome*: In a Word, ſhe was the moſt accompliſhed Princeſs of the Age.

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Her Son was King *George* I. the Father of his late Majeſty. If we conſider his military Character, he is crowned with Laurels. His Toil at the taking of *Treves*; his noble Conduct, as a General, at the raiſing the Siege of *Vienna*, by vanquiſhing an Army of an Hundred and Twenty Thouſand *Turks* and *Tartars*, when the Grandfather, the Uncle, and Father of the preſent Queen of *Hungary* had been forced to fly from their Capital to *Lintz*; his Gallantry in the Wars of *Hungary*; his Atchievements in *Holſtein*; his Courage upon the *Rhine*; his Bravery in *Flanders*, exalt the Hero. His natural Temper was mild, affable, and courteous. His Reign abounded with Clemency, Liberty and Felicity. The cruſhing of two formidable Rebellions, the defeating the numerous Plots in his Reign, proclaim him the Favorite of Heaven. He was raiſed up by the Hand of the Almighty to bleſs us; and brought among us at a very critical Seaſon, to ſave us from Deſtruction

His late Majeſty King *George* II. may very deſervedly be reckoned among the greateſt and beſt of Princes; but having already exhibited his amiable Excellences and his noble Qualities in the Characters of my Text, there remains the leſs to be added; his Triumphs at the Battle of *Oudenard*, where his Horſe was ſhot under him, and his Laurels in the Plains of *Dettingen*, proclaim the Honors of his military Character: But above all, his reverential Regards to the Moſt High, his Zeal for the Proteſtant Religion, his Fatherly Love to his People, his ſteady Attachment to the Conſtitution, his Defence of Liberty, the Uprightneſs of his Intentions, the Honor of his Word, the Tenderneſs of his Heart to his criminal Subjects, in a Reluctancy to ſign the Warrant for their Execution; his long and happy Diſplay of every royal Virtue; and the innumerable Series of the richeſt Bleſſings we enjoyed under his auſpicious Government will tell Poſterity, that his Reign is juſtly to be reckoned among the moſt happy Periods of *Engliſh* Monarchy.

Secondly, Let us pour forth our moſt fe
ent Supplications for his preſent Majeſty:
et no Man deſpiſe his Youth. That excellent
outh, King *Edward* VI. did more for the
oſpel of CHRIST and the Happineſs of this
ingdom, than all his Royal Predeceſſors.
hen, then the heavenly Light of the glo-
ous Goſpel ſhone in our Land; then, then
eaven-born Liberty began to clap her cele-
ial Wings. Let our daily Addreſſes be
aid to the LORD of Hoſts, by whom Kings
eign, that our moſt gracious Monarch may
e the grand Favourite of Heaven: That
s Heart may be under the continual
eachings of the Holy Spirit: That his
ouncils may be perpetually guided by that
iſdom, that is profitable to direct: That
s Reign may abound with fervent Piety,
xtenſive Commerce, invaluable Liberty and
glorious Peace; that he may be ſpoken of
ith Admiration in the moſt diſtant Periods
Time, as the greateſt, wiſeſt and beſt of
rinces. Nay, who can tell but in his Reign
e Glories of the latter Day may begin to
awn?

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Lastly, Let all this awaken us to the m
rious Concern, about the solemn Cha
before us.

The awful Gates of Eternity will soon
opened upon us! One should think, t
the vast Affairs of the everlasting World,
far, should exceed the Trifles of this p
vain World, more than the Report of
loudest Cannon does the smallest Whis
But Oh! the Stupidity, the Negligence
the Children of Men! The great Redee
has come down from Heaven, and has
compliſhed the grand Salvation. Oh! t
Almighty Grace may incline our Heart
accept and make Choice of him. May
be cloathed with the white Robe of his Ri
teouſneſs, and be regenerated by his H
Spirit, lead a Life of Communion with hi
and Devotedneſs to his Glory, looking
the bleſſed Hope; and at laſt enjoy
raviſhing Smiles of the dear IMMANU
through the endleſs Ages of a triumph
Eternity. *Amen* and *Amen*.

FINIS.

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